Amendment No. 1 to SB0935

<u>Kyle</u> Signature of Sponsor

AMEND Senate Bill No. 935

House Bill No. 794*

By deleting SECTION 1 of the bill and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 2-1-104(a), is amended by inserting between subdivisions (23) and (24), the following new subdivision and renumbering the subdivisions appropriately:

() "Recognized minor party" means any group or association that has successfully petitioned by filing with the coordinator of elections a petition which shall conform to requirements established by the coordinator of elections, but which must at a minimum bear the signatures of ten thousand (10,000) Tennessee residents, who are eligible to vote in this state, with at least two thousand (2,000) signatures from residents in each grand division of the state, and on each page of the petition, state its purpose, state its name, and contain the names of Tennessee residents;

AND FURTHER AMEND by deleting subsection (f) in SECTION 4 of the bill and substituting instead the following:

(f)

- (1) To maintain recognition, a minor party must either
- (A) Meet the requirements of a statewide political party as defined in § 2-1-104; or

- (B) Receive a number of votes equal to at least one percent (1%) of the total number of votes cast in the regular November election for three (3) consecutive regular November elections.
- (2) A minor party who fails to meet one of the standards set out in subdivision (f)(1) shall cease to be a recognized minor party. Such party may regain recognition only by following the procedures prescribed for formation of recognized minor party. The coordinator of elections shall advise each county election commission of a minor party's failure to receive a sufficient number of votes and shall order that said party cease to be recognized.